

## FARM WOMEN BUSY IN CLUBS

### Organizations of This County Work to Better Rural Conditions.

In recent years farm women have gradually come to realize that they can accomplish more by working together than in isolation. Out of this realization has grown up, all over the state, clubs of farm women known as Homemakers' Clubs which have as their purpose the bettering of rural conditions.

There are five such clubs in Boone County. The oldest is the Willing Workers' Club of Centralia which was started in 1915 and of which Mrs. C. L. Kirby is president. The other four clubs of the county were founded in the same year. Three of these also have their headquarters in Centralia and are known as the Tulip Homemakers' Club, of which Mrs. G. P. Sutton is president, the Dunbar Homemakers' Club, of which Miss Grace Smith is president; and the Social Workers' Improvement Club, of which Mrs. Russell Norris is president.

The fifth club in the county is the Neighborhood Progressive Club of Thompson which Mrs. Grant Eckley is president. Where there is a Farm Bureau Association in the county, these clubs are closely affiliated with it, but Boone County has no association. The agricultural extension service of the University supplies the clubs with by-laws and programs for their work. These they are at liberty to follow in full or only in part.

On the whole they concern themselves with questions of clothing, food, health and home management, but any subject of interest to a particular community may be studied by the club. In this way they differ widely, one club dealing largely with local civic improvement, while another may be interested in a more personal problem. Usually some particular project is studied and carried out each year and sometimes more than one, depending on the number of times the club meets and the thoroughness with which it is taken up. Thus different clubs will be working at different projects at different times.

One noticeable work of these clubs has been their interest in making possible hot lunches for the school children of the rural communities. Some of the clubs have been actively engaged in beautifying their school grounds and still others in increasing the school libraries.

The clubs secure the money for carrying out their work by various means. Some of them give box suppers, others give entertainments of various kinds. Some piece quilts and do other sewing, selling the articles when completed and turning the money over to the treasury.

### MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

J. C. Elliott went to Hannibal today. R. M. James left for Chillicothe this morning.

Russell E. Holloway was in Mexico yesterday on business.

Davis Benning went to Louisiana, Mo., for the week-end.

Edna Wolfe is spending the week-end at her home in Stanberry.

T. H. Grimes of Clayton was in Columbia on business today.

Frank H. Harley is spending the week-end at his home near Booneville.

The Rev. J. N. Wilcox of Fayette was in Columbia today on business.

Misses Mary and Anna Franklin left today for Kirkwood to visit relatives.

Mrs. George Thompson went to Jefferson City today to visit friends and relatives.

Lee Truitt has gone to Rich Hill, Mo., where he will visit his sister, Miss Blanche Truitt.

Ira L. Davis drove through today from St. Louis in a new seven-passenger Cadillac touring car.

Thaddeus Newsome of St. Louis returned to his home today from a business trip to Columbia and McBaine.

L. N. Deans of Clinton returned to his home today from a business trip in Columbia and Boone County.

Mrs. S. M. Turner, who has been visiting Mrs. H. L. Wilson left for her home in Auxvasse this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Simpson and baby came from Eldon last evening. They will live at 904 Price avenue.

Frank G. Harris and Lakenan M. Price have returned to Columbia after a few days' visit in St. Louis.

A. L. Ferguson, proprietor of the Virginia Pharmacy, has returned from a business trip to Booneville, Nevada, Sedalia and Ottumwa.

George R. Hecker, traveling passenger agent for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, has been in Columbia in the interests of the company.

### UNIVERSITY NEWS

Miss Eugenia Dole left yesterday for her home in Galesburg, Ill.

Gilbert James and Marshall Lewis went to Macon yesterday to spend the week-end.

Miss Louise Kingsbury of Fayette is visiting her aunt Mrs. Virgil Blakemore, 1211 Walnut street.

Miss Norma Rose of Stanberry is visiting Miss Susie Crockett and Miss Bernice Childs at the Delta Delta house.

Miss Inez Schageman returned to her home in St. Louis yesterday after visiting Miss Ruth Farris, 1002 University avenue.

Gladys McKinley, Phyllis Thomas, Margaret Stoddard and Margaret Wassmer went to Kansas City yesterday to spend the week-end at home.

Earl Lindsay, a Veterans' Bureau student in the School of Industrial Arts, left today for Pittsburg, Kansas, to receive training.

## Primary Education Is Interesting Avocation, Says Ella V. Dobbs

"My professional contribution to society consists of my work in behalf of primary education," said Miss Ella V. Dobbs, associate professor in the department of industrial arts of the School of Education of the University. That is what Miss Dobbs calls her avocation.

"It is hard to find many interested and also proficient in handwork for little children and so when I am called to talk at meetings on the subject I do not like to refuse. There are plenty in the work for high schools and colleges, but so few in my work."

"What I try to emphasize is that the children need more freedom and greater activity in the first four grades and less of the sit-up-with-the-books-folded teaching."

Miss Dobbs has traveled extensively in the last year, talking to teachers. She carries a small grip with her in which she keeps toys she shows with her talks. The toys are fascinating and yet can be made by any child as they are so simple.

"My most enthusiastic audience was one composed of fifteen hundred school children in Superior, Wis., last year," she said.

The National Council of Primary Education is Miss Dobbs' pet hobby. The council was started seven years ago in Chicago with thirty members; Miss Dobbs was the first chairman. She is still chairman and there are now nearly three thousand members who represent every state in the union.

"Will I ever give up my vocation? never," said Miss Dobbs.

"If I am useful as a speaker it is because of my class work and then, too, I love to teach better than any thing in the world."

Among the places where Miss Dobbs lectured this year outside of Missouri are: Duluth and Winona, Minn., Superior, Wis., Lincoln and Kearney, Neb., Des Moines and Waterloo, Ia., Chicago, Ill., Hammond and South Bend, Ind., Atlantic City and in Connecticut.

An author's laurels also belong to Miss Dobbs. She is the author of "Illustrative Handwork" and "Primary Handwork." The last book she dedicated to "little children of America that all their school days may be happy days."

Miss Dobbs has been to the State Manual Training School.

T. J. Beaumont, Eugene Stout and Edward and William Hudson went to Kansas City yesterday to attend the Western Division Conference of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Miss Ella Victoria Dobbs left this afternoon for Chicago to attend the meeting of the National Educational Association. As national chairman of the National Council of Primary Education, Miss Dobbs will preside at their meeting, which will be held Monday.

Miss Adelaide Schott of Jefferson City came yesterday to be the guest of Miss Ruth Hammond.

Miss Mary Ogal McLennon is spending the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Raghy at Centralia.

Miss Elmer Beach sang and Miss Maxine McMahon played at the regular assembly meeting last night.

Miss Mildred Fields left today to spend the week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Fields, at Lees Summit.

Mable Anslor and Lita K. Graham are spending the week-end with Mildred Hudman and Melvin Litman, who are students at Lindenwood.

Misses Martha Jane Stokes, Virginia Smith and LeDena Cole left today for St. Louis, where they will be the guests of Miss Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith.

Mrs. P. H. Antweiler of Marcelline came yesterday for a visit with her daughter, Miss Camille Antweiler at Stephens College.

Sigma Iota Chi had charge of the Y. W. C. A. meeting yesterday. Miss Leila Graham conducted the meeting. The subject was "Music." Miss Hilda Milbaugh sang and Miss Louise Elson played the cello. Their accompanist was Miss Olivia Noel. Miss Grace Eckelberry talked on the power of music in religion.

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### Among the People of Boone County

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Rhodes Taylor of Providence was in Columbia on business Thursday.

Miss Alma Schack and Mrs. Martin Schack were Columbia visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claxton attended the funeral of R. M. Neeley in Columbia Wednesday.

F. B. Douglass, O. F. Williamson and W. L. Tremaine were Columbia visitors yesterday.

Mrs. J. A. Turner and children and Mrs. Lloyd Dozier and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Melloway of Turner Station Wednesday.

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### American Scientists Find Remedies For Dysentery and Leprosy.

MANILA. (By Mail) to United Press.—Dr. Lim Boon Keng, president of the new university at Amoy, told the American chamber of commerce here today that the work of the American scientists at the bureau of science in Manila has opened the tropics to the white man. These men evolved treatments for amoebic and bacillary dysentery which have removed the dread of those diseases in the tropics. He said this work alone justified all the expense on account of the bureau of science, but many other notable things have been achieved by it, for example, spread of general scientific knowledge of the efficacy of Chaulmoogra oil in treating leprosy, a task in which Filipinos have assisted.

"Many's" TO REMEMBER MARY

Many Responses to Fund for Princess' Wedding Present.

LONDON. (By Mail).—Mary from all over the British Dominion are sending along their shillings for the present to Princess Mary from "Mary."

Organizers of the fund announce that the response from the dominions was tremendous. Newfoundland was the first to cable news of its participation to the committee under the Hon. Mrs. Geoffrey Hope-Morley.

Lady Reading, wife of the viceroy of India, is organizing India, and Lady Jellicoe performs the same duty in New Zealand. Mrs. Smuts is at the head of a similar organization in South Africa. Contributions are not allowed to exceed ten shillings.

PLAY GIVEN AT M'BAINE

"The Old-Fashioned Mother" Presented at Warren School.

"The Old-Fashioned Mother" was presented at the Warren School near McBaine Wednesday night. The production was well attended.

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